

# Town of Surfside Election on Tuesday March 16, 2010

The Town of Surfside will hold its general municipal election on Tuesday March 16. The polling place will be Surfside Town Hall, 9293 Harding Ave in the Commission Chambers on the Second Floor. Polls will be open 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Absentee ballots may be obtained by applying in writing to Miami Dade Elections, 2700 NW 87th Avenue, Miami, FL 33172. Absentee ballot requests must be received by the Elections Department by March 10, 2010. Absentee ballots must be returned to Miami Dade Elections and will not be accepted at Town Hall.

The ballot will consist of two races. One race will be entitled **Mayor, vote for one**. The other race will be entitled **Town Commissioner, vote for no more than four**. Note that this is a change to previous years as voted in November, 2008. Please remember to vote for **FOUR** candidates in the Commissioner race. Previously each Town Commission was elected by seat.

If you have any questions regarding the election, contact Debra Eastman, MMC, Town Clerk at [deastman@townofsurfsidefl.gov](mailto:deastman@townofsurfsidefl.gov) or 305-861-4863.

*Please turn to pages 4-5 for a list of candidates for the March 16 election*

## March 13 Meeting on Foreclosure & Condo Legal Issues

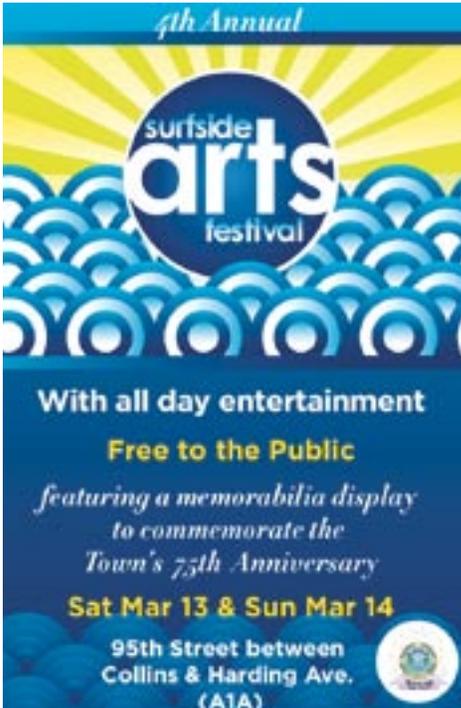
If you are facing foreclosure, interested in condominium issues or just want to ask a legal question, you will want to attend the Town Hall meeting on Saturday, March 13 from 10 a.m. - noon in the Commission Chambers. Miami-Dade County judges will be available to answer your questions regarding condominium associations, small claims, mortgage foreclosures and landlord tenant disputes.

General information and printed resources on these and other common legal issues will be provided for free at the meeting. There will also be a light continental breakfast served compliments of Surfside Publix. For more information call 305-866-3635.

## Anniversary Items Available at Town Hall

Souvenirs commemorating Surfside's 75th Anniversary are available at the Town Hall Front Desk.

- Beach Towels \$12
- Visor \$6
- Beach Bag \$12
- Coffee Mug \$6



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### Correction

In the February issue of the *Gazette* we inadvertently overlooked the extension of our gratitude to Ileana Cortes and family for devoting their time and efforts to the Surfside Civic Association for their assistance with the 2009 Surfside Employee Holiday Fund. The staff of the Town of Surfside truly appreciates their hard work and generosity.

### Save the Dates

Celebrate the 75th Anniversary of Surfside

- March 13 & 14 - Memorabilia Display at the Surfside Arts Festival
- May 16 - Parade and Beach Barbecue Celebration



For more information, contact

Duncan Tavares, Tourism Bureau Director ([dtavares@townofsurfsidefl.gov](mailto:dtavares@townofsurfsidefl.gov))

Tim Milian, Parks & Recreation Director ([tmilian@townofsurfsidefl.gov](mailto:tmilian@townofsurfsidefl.gov))

Phone: (305) 861-4863

## SURFSIDE BRIEFS

### Public Works Update

- The sidewalk deficiencies identified and documented by Surfside's Public Works Department in the Fall of 2009 were repaired during February by Florida Department of Transportation contractors.
- The Veteran's Park landscaping along the Collins Avenue side was refurbished in February.
- The seawall at the west end of 90th Street was repaired in February.
- An additional streetlight was installed by FPL at 94th and Bay Drive during the month of February.

### Identity Theft Prevention Class

The Surfside Police Department is hosting an Identity Theft Prevention class on April 6 from 6 -7 p.m. in the Commission Chambers in Town Hall. The class will be taught by Leonardo Mendoza, the Media Relations/ Outreach Liaison from the State Attorney's Office. There is no charge for this class and light refreshments will be served. For further information or to register for the class please contact Dina Goldstein or Ofc. Jay Matelis at (305) 861-4682.

### Reminder For Dog Owners

Residents should be aware that Ordinance 09-1513, adopted in April 2009, requires dog owners to clean up after their dogs. Failure to do so may result in a citation and or a fine. Residents are also reminded that dogs are not allowed on the beach. Please remember to pick up after your four-legged friends when walking them, and keep Surfside clean for the health and welfare of all.

### Public Works Repairs Seawall



Surfside's Public Works Department has launched its repair of the seawall located at the west end of 90th Street, abutting the Intracoastal waterway. Braces were installed at the seawall in the spring of 2009 in order to secure it and ensure it would not cave in. The repairs are expected to be completed by the first week of March.

... And They Are Off!



## Town of Surfside's 5K Beach Run

**B**raving the early-morning chill, an enthusiastic crowd of runners and walkers greeted the sunrise at Surfside's 5K Beach Run. The scenic course along the hard-packed sand provided beautiful views of the ocean. Race participants enjoyed a post-race awards ceremony and plenty of delicious food and refreshments. The overall winner was Jon Williams, finishing in 17:52. The Town was well represented with Asst. Police Chief John Di Censo, Sgt. Loxley Arch, Town Manager Gary Word and Mayor Charles Burkett all placing in their age groups.



Overall winner Jon Williams (R)



Sgt. Loxley Arch



Asst. Police Chief John Di Censo



## Seniors in Surfside (SIS) Reassurance Program

The Surfside Police Department is offering seniors the opportunity to participate in the Reassurance Program. The Reassurance Program is a service that contacts participants once or twice a week to check on their well-being. This service is provided free of charge.

### WHO QUALIFIES?

- Any senior who resides in the Town of Surfside who lives alone.
- Seniors who may be home after an illness, surgery, etc., who do not have a home healthcare professional or other attendant.

For further information contact Ofc. Jay Matelis at (305) 861-4862 or [jmatelis@townofsurfsidefl.gov](mailto:jmatelis@townofsurfsidefl.gov)

### Short-term Rentals Must Pay Resort Tax

Owners of residential properties in Surfside that are rented for less than six months, must collect and submit the required four percent Resort Tax. This includes vacation properties and other short term rentals. For information, contact the Tourist Bureau at (305) 864-0722.

## Parks & Recreation

### New Classes Start in March

Mommy & Me Yoga 4 - 24 months	Mondays (8 weeks)	3/15/10 - 5/10/10 9:30-10:15 am	\$64 Residents \$128 Non-residents
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Youth Cheerleading, Acrobatics & Tumbling Age: 6 - 12	Wednesday (8 weeks)	3/17/10 - 5/12/10 5:45 - 6:40 pm	\$64 Residents \$128 Non-Residents
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### Ongoing Youth Programs

Tots Kidokinetics  
Pre-School Ballet & Ballet  
Hip Hop Jazz Dance  
Martial Arts  
Gymnastics/Intermediate Gymnastics  
Youth Cheerleading  
Youth basketball Soccer  
Arts and Crafts  
Mommy & Me Arts and Crafts  
Youth Golf

### Ongoing Adult Programs

Senior Social Time  
Beach Ready Boot Camp  
Yoga (Senior and Adult)  
Pilates  
Zumba  
Aerobics

For schedule and fees or more information, call Parks & Recreation at (305) 866-3635.

### Mark your Calendar for these Events

<b>Storybook Festival</b>	March 6	<b>Third Thursday</b>	<b>Mar. 18</b>
<b>Art Festival</b>	March 13 & 14	<b>Relay for Life</b>	May 1

# TOWN OF SURFSIDE CANDIDATES FOR TH

## CANDIDATES FOR MAYOR

### Charles Burkett

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Charles W. Burkett (Incumbent), 48, was born in Miami Beach and moved to Surfside in 1995. Charles graduated from the University of Miami and began as a preservationist, renovating art-deco properties on Miami Beach. The Federal Government has recognized many of his properties as Historic Renovation Projects. Development and preservation through the restoration of older and historic properties is his only occupation. He served as a Miami Beach Chamber of Commerce Board Member and Chairman of its Code Enforcement Committee. He served on Miami Beach's Nuisance Abatement and Community Development Block Grant Boards, allocating funds to organizations like Meals on Wheels and Log Cabin Nursery for the disabled. He served as Commissioner of the Miami Beach Housing Authority for eight years, four as Chairman. There he managed a \$22 million budget and staff of 40. He was a founding supporter of the Surfside Coalition following the elections of 2004, and has been active with the Miami Beach Police Athletic League and Citizens Police Academy. Charles is the proud single father of William Michael Burkett, 6 and is completing his second term as the Mayor.

### Daniel Dietch

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Daniel Dietch and his wife, Dana Kulvin, have lived in Surfside for ten years. They are raising two children who attend Ruth K. Broad Bay Harbor K-8 Center. Daniel is committed to public service in Surfside and the surrounding community. He has served on Surfside's Planning & Zoning Board for six years and the Design Review Board for two years. He was elected to chair these Boards two years ago. He is also a Cub Scout Den Leader. Daniel works as a consultant at CH2M Hill, an environmental consulting firm. He consults with municipalities like Surfside providing financial and strategic planning services and developing policy solutions. In 2008, his work was recognized by Collier County who presented him with a Strategic Planning Award for managing the development and implementation of their 50-year integrated solid waste management strategy. Daniel also serves on the Board of Recycle Florida Today and for the past four years has chaired the Planning and Management Excellence Awards for the Solid Waste Association of North America.

## CANDIDATES FOR COMMISSION

### Elizabeth Calderon

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A Surfside resident and homeowner since 2001, Commissioner Calderon was first elected to the Town Commission in 2008. She serves as the Commission's liaison to the Planning and Zoning Committee. She began her professional career as a registered nurse, a graduate of Bellevue Hospital and New York University. She worked for 12 years as a nursing administrator, then attended law school at night and graduated from George Washington University Law School in 1993. Today, she is an attorney specializing in immigration law. She has been admitted to the Bar Associations of the District of Columbia, State of Pennsylvania, Federal District Court for the District of Columbia and Bar Association of the United States Supreme Court. Commissioner Calderon loves reading and is an active member of the Surfside Book Club. She has two adult children. Together with her dog Marseilles, Commissioner Calderon enjoys walking the streets of Surfside every day.

### Joe Graubart

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Joe Graubart was born in Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania and has lived in Surfside since age of six - when his parents, Samuel and Shirley, and brother David moved here in 1956. He was a Cub and Boy Scout in Surfside and attended Bay Harbor Islands Elementary, where he has also served as a volunteer. Joe is also an alumnus of Nautilus Junior High and Miami Beach Senior High Schools. He received a Bachelors Degree from Florida International University in 1975. During his college years at FIU, Mr. Graubart opened a small leather shop on the coast of Maine and eventually owned and operated gift shops for 25 years on the coasts of Maine and New Hampshire seasonally (Memorial Day - Labor Day), while living in Surfside the remainder of the year. In 1998, Mr. Graubart returned to live in Surfside year-round. He has served as Chairman of the Town of Surfside Planning and Zoning Board for four years under two administrations. He currently is a member of the Surfside 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee.

### Richard Iacobacci

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Richard Iacobacci was born in Duluth, Minnesota. After high school, he attended the carpenter apprenticeship program in St. Lake City, Utah. Richard spent 15 years in the field as a carpenter and received a certificate in construction management from the University of California Irvine. He then started a construction business as a licensed building contractor. Richard has been a resident of Surfside for more than 10 years. He is married to Ines, and has two children who attend Bay Harbor K-8 Center.

He has served on various Town of Surfside committees, including the Education Committee, Parks and Recreation Committee, Planning and Zoning Board and most recently on the Design and Review Board.

# THE MARCH 16 ELECTION - PLEASE VOTE!

## CANDIDATES FOR COMMISSION - CONTINUED

### Marc Imberman



Marc Imberman has been a Surfside resident since 1991. He and his wife, Kathy, have two children, Max and Hannah, and provide a loving home for the two racing greyhounds they have rescued. Marc is a graduate of the Hebrew Academy on Miami Beach. He received his education from University of Miami, FIU, and Temple University. He is currently Operations Manager for WatchUWant, a luxury watch seller. He was on the Board of the Advocates for Gifted and Advanced Education for three years. He is the former PTSA President John F. Kennedy Middle School and a former Vice-President of the local Kiwanis chapter. Before being elected to the Surfside Commission in March 2006, he served on the Parks and Recreation Committee and the Town Manager's Merchants Advisory Committee, and participated in many Surfside public service activities, including the Adopt-a-Tree, sea oats planting and the Annual Baynanza beach clean-ups. Mr. Imberman is proud to have represented Surfside as a Board Member of the Miami-Dade County League of Cities from 2006-08. He is currently the League's only appointment to the Miami-Dade County Film and Entertainment Advisory Board.

### Michael Karukin



Michael has been involved in the pharmaceutical industry for over 25 years. He is a Physician's Assistant with Bachelor's degrees in Physiological Psychology and Medicine from the University of Florida. He also has a Ph.D in Health Services Administration from Walden University. For nine years Michael was research director of one of the first private clinical trial study centers in South Florida specializing in Alzheimer's Disease. He joined IVAX Corp. 19 years ago and after IVAX was acquired by Teva Pharmaceuticals, he was promoted to Director, Patient Registries and oversees various research projects and a multimillion dollar budget. Michael moved to Miami 42 years ago from New York. He grew up in North Bay Village and attended Nautilus and Miami Beach High. He's married for 23 years and has a 20 year old son attending FIU. In 1999 he found his dream home in Surfside and calls it his slice of paradise. He is a frequent attendee at Commission meetings and a former member of the Charter Review Board.

### Edward Kopelman



Mr. Kopelman was born in Boston and attended the New Preparatory School in Cambridge. He attended Boston University and Rutgers University before entering the U.S. Army in 1954, where he served in the Military Police Corps. He also attended Atlanta Law School, while concurrently managing the Home Typewriter Company. He then joined National Merchandising Corp. (Namco) in sales-management and formed a subsidiary company, Lectro-Euip Corp. which he purchased in 1970. He changed its name to Techni-quip Corp. (TQC), which still manufactures industrial, medical and military equipment. He was the founder, largest stockholder and chief executive officer of TQC for over 25 years. Mr. Kopelman is a member of Post 67 of the American Legion and a life member of Post 3559 of the VFW. He is a member of the Shul (of Bal Harbour), a life member of the New England Hebrew Teachers College Association, and a founder of the Mount Sinai Medical Center Foundation. He has been proudly married to wife Pauline (Polly) for 29 years. They have been residents of Surfside for more than six years.

### Steven Levine



Born in Brooklyn, New York in 1956, Commissioner Steven Levine graduated from James Madison High School in 1974 and Brooklyn College in 1978. He earned a law degree from the University of Miami School of Law in 1981. Mr. Levine was in private practice for two years before joining the Miami-Dade County Public Defender's Office. He now serves as an Assistant Public Defender in the Felony Division. Mr. Levine is married to Elizabeth Levine, the former Elizabeth Borroto, who is a Registered Nurse. Mr. and Mrs. Levine have three children, 20, 19 and 14 years of age and their family has been very active in the public schools. They have lived in Surfside since 1987. Mr. Levine has also served as a Den Leader and Cub Master of Cub Scout Pack 320. As an attorney, he has served on the Florida Bar Grievance Committee. Mr. Levine is also active in his synagogue and currently serves on the Board of Directors of Temple Menorah.

### Marta Olchyk



Born in Cuba, Marta came to the U.S in 1960 and lived in Dallas for 40 years. She came to South Florida in 2000. While in Dallas, she received her Masters degree from Texas Woman's University and a Ph.D from Texas Christian University. Her professional career includes teaching Spanish and Latin American Civilization in high school and college and then working as a federal investigator with the Department of Education and the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission. She remained in this position for 28 years until her retirement in 2003. She has two grown children living in Washington, D.C. Marta is committed to community involvement including volunteering for American Association of University Women, Hadassah, Jewish Federation of Dallas and Greater Miami and AIPAC.

# Surfside Commission Highlights

At the February 9, 2010 Town Commission Meeting, the Town Commission took the following actions: Vice Mayor Imberman recognized and thanked the Citizen's Action Team for their recent yard work on behalf an elderly resident.

## *Approved the following resolutions:*

- Mutual Aid Agreement with Town of Bay Harbor Islands, Florida Police Department and the Town of Surfside Police Department

## *Adopted these ordinances on second reading:*

- Established Commercial standards for maintenance of sidewalks and swale area
- Approved Emergency Management Procedures, Emergency Management Structure, Declaration and Termination of State of Emergency and certification of Emergency Conditions

## *Voted to introduce on first reading:*

- Prohibited noise restrictions on decibel level of emergency power generators
- Amended Fences, Walls and Hedges ordinance to provide for construction fencing
- Amended Off-Street Parking Requirements

## *Town Commission voted to:*

- Provided funding for a sketch of downtown beautification proposal as presented by the Town of Surfside Beautification Committee and to match

funds with funds raised by Beautification Committee for beautification of downtown area

- Voted to oppose HB 119 which would supersede Town of Surfside Sex Offender Ordinance
- Purchased Vacant Lot at 9450 Collins Avenue with funding from Parking Fund
- Approved Town Manager's suggested funding to rebuild lifeguard stand
- Donated \$7,500 to Miami Dade League of Cities Haitian Relief and Recovery Fund

## Registration is Open for the 7th Surfside Citizens Police Academy

Registration is now underway for the **7th Annual Surfside Citizen's Academy**, which will meet every Thursday from March 11- May 20, from 6 - 9 p.m. at Town Hall in the second floor Police Training Room.

Classes will include: Patrol Procedures, Criminal Investigation Unit, Crime Scene Unit, Homicide Investigation, Marine Patrol Operations S.W.A.T., Firearms Range, K-9 Operations and FBI / Terrorism. The Academy will conclude with a graduation and alumni party.

**For registration and further information, please contact: Detective Frank Colonna (305) 861-4862.**



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Soon after incorporation, the first Surfside Town Hall was built and stood at 9550 Harding Avenue. Within the town hall was an 11-man police department and three-man fire department. This fire house would eventually reach a force of 39 paid and volunteer firefighters. There was also a council chambers and jail. This town hall stood as the center of government for twenty years. In 1957, a new Town Hall was constructed in its present location at 9293 Harding Avenue. The old Town Hall, in the center of the bustling business community, was sold for enough to pay for the construction of the new building. This building was completely renovated in 2001. Today, Surfside contracts with Miami-Dade County for its fire services. The closest fire house is located over the Haulover Bridge at

Haulover Park. Within the Town Hall are meeting rooms, offices, the Police Department and the state-of-the-art Commission Chambers.

Seth H. Bramson, honorary member of Surfside's 75th Anniversary Celebration committee is Adjunct Professor of History at both Barry University and FIU and is the author of 17 books on South Florida



local and Florida transportation history including "33154: The Story of Bal Harbour, Bay Harbor Islands, Indian Creek Village and Surfside."

## Sgt. Rory Alberto Named Officer of the Month

Sgt. Rory Alberto was named Officer of the Month for his excellent police work in arresting a car burglar. Sgt. Alberto was patrolling a residential neighborhood when he noticed a suspicious man inside a parked car. When Sgt. Alberto discovered that the subject was not the car owner, he was arrested and it was later determined that the subject had unlawfully entered two vehicles. Congratulations to Sgt. Alberto for his proactive police work and keeping Surfside safe.



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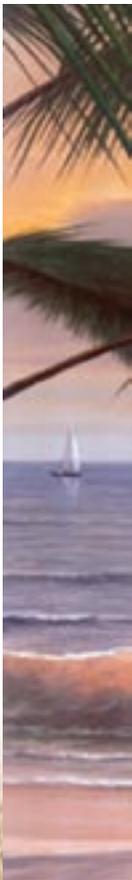
<p><b>SHRIMP</b> Raw &amp; Cooked Raw, Peeled, Frozen, Tail On, Deveined - Jumbo 26 to 30 shrimp / lb, \$5.50 lb - Colossal 16 to 20 shrimp / lb, \$7.00 lb - Colossal-Plus 13 to 15 shrimp / lb, \$9.00 lb</p>	<p><b>TILAPIA</b> Individually packed. 3 - 5 oz filets \$2.90 lb Individually packed. 6 - 7 oz filets \$2.90 lb</p>
<p><b>TUNA</b> Sushi / Sashimi Grade Steak Individually - packed 8 oz \$6.50 lb - Steaks Tuna - The King of Sushi. Highly coveted as the definitive sushi dish \$14.50 lb</p>	<p>Did you know that 92% of all shrimp consumed in the United States is imported! The major areas of production are in Asia and South/Central America.</p>

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## MEETING CALENDAR

Town Commission	2nd Tuesday of the Month	7 p.m.
Beautification Committee	2nd Monday of the month	7:15 p.m.
Education Committee	1st Thursday of the month	8 p.m.
Parks & Rec. Committee	3rd Thursday of the month	6 p.m.
Tourist Bureau	1st Monday of the month	6 p.m.
75th Anniversary Committee	1st Tuesday of the month	6 p.m.

Please note that all times and dates listed, except Town Commission meetings, are tentative and subject to change.

To verify the information, contact Town Hall at (305) 861-4863, visit the website [www.townofsurfsidefl.gov](http://www.townofsurfsidefl.gov) or tune in to Channel 77.

## TOWN COMMISSION

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Tourist Bureau	(305) 864-0722
Police	(305) 861-4862
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